



INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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Fraud Statistics/Convictions Activity

June 2010

Fraud Statistics

	<u>Month/June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Referrals Received.....	87	490
Closed Referrals.....	0	136
Open Cases (Investigations-includes prior years)		238
Assigned Cases (Investigations).....	14	142
Closed Cases (Investigations).....	14	101
Closed Cases (Investigations) Exceptionally Cleared – Declined by Prosecutor.....	3	11
Charges (10 felonies).....	10	105
Convictions (4 felonies, 1 misdemeanors)	5	36
Restitution Ordered.....	\$97,817.76	\$251,586.20

Convictions Activity

Frederick D. Ratliff III – On 10/21/2005, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Mr. Ratliff knowingly presented a counterfeit or fake insurance identification card as proof of valid insurance to Jefferson County District Court/Traffic as a result of receiving a traffic citation for “Failure to Maintain Required Insurance”. Mr. Ratliff was charged with one count of fraudulent insurance acts over \$300.00. He pled guilty to the amended charge of attempt to commit fraudulent insurance acts over \$300.00 and was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 for investigation expenses to the

Insurance Fraud Investigation Division and court costs in the amount of \$135.00. A show cause deferred/installment court date was set for 9/3/2010.

Junior Little and Robin D. Shumaker – On or about 6/1/2006, the exact date unknown, and continuing to on or about 6/25/2008, in Floyd County, Kentucky and elsewhere, together, and with others known and unknown, Little would recruit conspirators to participate in a staged automobile collision and to make material false statements to law enforcement and insurance companies regarding the collision in exchange for a share of the proceeds from their insurance claims. On or about 6/23/2006, Shumaker rented a U-Haul with the money provided to her by another co-defendant and on or about 6/25/06 Shumaker intentionally drove the rented U-Haul into a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria operated by Little, with the intent of filing an insurance claim. Little and Shumaker, along with six others were indicted in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, Southern Division Pikeville, of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. Junior Little pled guilty to the charge and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 30 months. Upon release from prison, he will be placed on supervised release for three years. He was also ordered to make restitution, joint and several, in the amount of \$81,317.76. Shumaker pled guilty to the charge also and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 15 months. Upon her release from prison she shall be placed on supervised release for three years. She was also ordered to pay the restitution, joint and several, in the amount of \$81,217.76.

Tyrone Anthony Coulter – On or about 11/21/04, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Mr. Coulter acting alone or in complicity with another obtained property or services from Walmart over \$300.00 by creating or reinforcing a false impression, including false impression as to law, intention or other state of mind, with the intent to deprive Walmart thereof when he staged accidents at various locations and subsequently filed a claims for allegedly sustaining injuries. He was indicted on one count of theft by deception over \$300.00 in the Jefferson Circuit Court, Criminal Division. Coulter pled guilty to the charge and was sentenced to serve one year, to serve concurrently with sentences imposed in similar felony charges in other counties. The sentence was withheld and he was placed on supervised probation for five years, he was ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$130.00 within 60 days, a \$25.00 supervision fee per month, and pay Walmart restitution in the amount of \$9,500.00 at a rate of \$200.00 per month beginning 90 days of the judgment until paid in full. A recoupment fee of \$400.00 was also ordered to be paid to the Public Defender Fund at a rate of \$25.00 per month beginning 7/1/2010 until paid in full.

Christopher Schultise – On or about 12/23/2004, in Taylor County, Kentucky, Christopher Schultise, along with other co-defendants, staged accidents at Walmart in Campbellsville Kentucky. Mr. Schultise subsequently filed a claim for allegedly sustaining an injury and later received \$7,000.00 for his claim to which he was not entitled. He was indicted in Taylor

Circuit Court on one count of theft by deception over \$300.00. Mr. Schultise entered a guilty plea to the charge of theft by unlawful taking over \$300.00 and was sentenced to five years in imprisonment to run concurrently with a previously imposed sentence in Jefferson County and ordered to pay court costs and restitution in the amount of \$7,000.00. All amounts are to be paid in full upon defendants' release.